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WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 1. An object with a predictor to predict at least a part of a pre-determined itinerary of at least one data packet in a distributed data network.
- 2. The object of claim 1, comprising logic circuitry.
- 3. A method of determining authenticity of an object, the method comprising receiving from the object a prediction of at least a part of a pre-determined itinerary of at least one data packet in a distributed data network; and verifying the prediction.
- 4. The method of claim 3, wherein the data packet comprises an instruction as to its next destination in the network.